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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 10/780,772

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For: STORAGE HAVING LOGICAL PARTITIONING
CAPABILITY AND SYSTEMS WHICH INCLUDE
THE STORAGE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
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January 12, 2005

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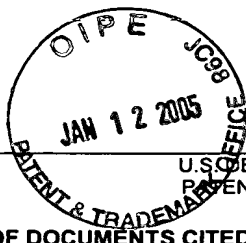
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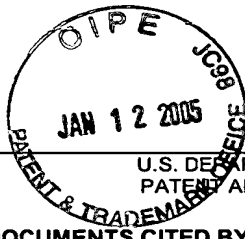
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